

Superior National Forest

Outreach Notice

(Vacancy currently advertised)

TWO POSITIONS WILL BE FILLED

Position Title: Kawishiwi District Ranger – Ely, MN

LaCroix District Ranger – Cook, MN

Position Grade: GS-340-12/13

Apply by May 7, 2012

The Superior National Forest (SNF) is recruiting to fill **two District Ranger Positions**. The annual salary range is \$68,809 to \$106,369. If you are interested in being considered, please apply to the open continuous announcement(s) (OCRs) below.

This position is being advertised in USAJobs through OCRs under merit promotion (internal) **OCRP-0340-1213-DR-G** announcement. Applicants may apply to a single grade level or to multiple grade levels depending at what grade level(s) they wish to be considered. The position may be filled at the 12 or 13 grade level. If filled below the target grade level of 13, the selected applicant will be noncompetitively promoted to the next higher grade when qualified and eligible.

Read instructions carefully and follow application procedures selecting **Ely, MN** and/or **Cook, MN** as duty location(s). **Two** permanent full-time position are being filled: One position on the Kawishiwi Ranger District in Ely, MN and one position on the LaCroix Ranger District in Cook, MN.

Since these are open continuous announcements, a referral list will be requested to be generated on **May 8, 2012**. Please be sure you have your Avue application into the system & applied to the announcement(s) before this date to be considered for these positions with the Superior National Forest.

Contact Information

We encourage you to call or e-mail us as to your interest and learn more about working on the Superior National Forest. This position offers a challenging career opportunity, as well as the pleasures of living in Northern Minnesota can bring to you. Be sure to check out the web sites for more information.

Tim Dabney (218-626-4303 or tdabney@fs.fed.us) would be glad to provide additional information on this position and the community.

Position Description

The District Ranger reports directly to the Forest Supervisor and shares in the responsibility of leadership and all other aspects of managing the Kawishiwi Ranger District. The District Ranger

is a member of the Forest Leadership Team and coordinates resource management planning efforts and establishes and maintains cooperative relations with local, county, and state representatives, civic groups, tribal governments, cooperators, special use permits, general public, and industry.

Qualification Requirements for this position can be found in the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) Operating Manual for Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions, which is available from any Federal Government Personnel Office and OPM on their web site (www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.htm)



The Superior National Forest, located in the Northeast tip of Minnesota, is sandwiched between Lake Superior and the Canadian border. This vast woodland is one of the top recreation areas in the country and harbors bald eagles and osprey, moose and white tailed deer, timber wolves, lynx, black bear, beaver and red fox. This is the second largest forest in the National Forest System (NFS) based on gross acreage and eighth for NFS acreage. One third of its three million acres contains the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW).

“This is the most beautiful lake country on the continent. We can afford to cherish and protect it...In the end, we turn to nature in a frenzied chaotic world, there to find silence – oneness – wholeness – spiritual release.” -----Sigurd Olson/Author

The Superior National Forest contains over 2,000 lakes. Even so, only 12% of the Forest's 3.9 million acres is covered by water. The rest is blanketed by dense, mossy floored forests of pine, spruce, aspen, birch, cedar and tamarack, or saturated by vast bogs and impenetrable swamps. The National Forest hosts 27 United States Forest Service campgrounds, 9 Minnesota DNR campgrounds, 2,200 developed campsites within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW), and 254 back country campsites outside the BWCAW. These camping areas provide quick access to 354 fishing lakes, 162 public boat landings, 29 picnic areas, 400 miles of designated hiking trails, 450 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails, and over 1500 miles of canoe routes through the BWCAW. The area that is now the BWCAW was established as the Superior Roadless Area in 1938, and became part of the Wilderness system in 1964. Outside of the BWCAW, the Forest has over 2,700 miles of roads.

The Kawishiwi Ranger District is located in Ely, MN and consists of a district office, with a wilderness permit issuing station/visitor center, and a variety of other facilities. The district has large wilderness and timber programs, as well as recreation, special uses, wildlife, fire, minerals/soils, and engineering units supported by approximately 55 year round employees and up to 130 employees during the summer.

More information can be found at the Superior National Forest Employment page at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/superior/employment>.



Ely Minnesota, is located in the heart of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) and the arrowhead region of Minnesota and has a population of around 3,500 year round residents. The population grows during the busy summer months. Ely is only hours from Duluth, MN and the Twin Cities of Minnesota. Average temperatures for the area vary between the seasons with an average temp of 79.2 degrees in July and an average temp of 5.1 degrees in January.

Spring, summer, and fall bring lush and colorful vegetation to the Superior National Forest Area. During the summer season, the area attracts visitors from all over the world, and for good reason too. There are more than 1,500 miles of water trails in and around the BWCAW. Hiking and mountain biking are popular activities. Campgrounds and remote campsites attract people on all adventure levels. There is abundant wildlife, excellent fishing, and plentiful bird watching experiences. For residents of the area, those experiences can be enjoyed by simply opening their back doors. The fall paints a colorful mural on this edge of the Boreal Forest. The fall and winter brings the beauty of the Northern Lights.

Winter in the area is always exciting. With about 2-4 feet of snow on the ground for 5 months, the area has many winter activities to offer. Those activities include; snowmobiling, dog sledding, cross-country and downhill skiing, ice fishing, and winter camping. There are over 150 miles of snowmobile trails surrounding the Ely area as well as many miles of snowshoe and cross country ski trails.

Ely offers a medical center that is part of the St. Mary's Duluth Clinic Health System, as well as a community hospital with advancing medical technology. Vermilion Community College has natural resource based career programs and is well connected with Minnesota's college system. There are a variety of restaurants, a golf course, a miniature golf course, a bowling alley, a fitness center, community theatre, a hockey arena, community ice rink, baseball and football fields, tennis courts, and two city parks (beach, playground equipment) which host a variety of events. Major attractions include; the BWCAW, Dorothy Molter Museum, North American Bear Center, International Wolf Center, and Ely-Winton Historical Museum.

More information on Ely, Minnesota can be found at:

For information on Ely, MN

<http://www.ely.org/>

For information on the Superior NF

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/superior>

The LaCroix Ranger District office is in Cook Minnesota. It is located in Northern Minnesota 75 miles south of International Falls and 90 miles north of Duluth.

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Cook Minnesota has a population of 622. It is a full service community with a hospital, medical/dental clinic, K-12 school, 5 churches, public and school libraries, 3 banking

institutions, fire department, airport, 1 grocery store, 2 hardware stores, 2 new and used car dealerships, furniture store, movie theatre, sporting goods store, drug store, restaurants, and other local businesses. Area recreational opportunities cover a broad spectrum: swimming, boating, hunting, fishing, snowmobile use, cross country skiing, golfing, and more.

More information on Cook Minnesota can be found at:

www.cookminnesota.com

www.timberjay.com

www.cookmn.com

www.lakevermillion.com.